IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

PRESENT :

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE ANTONY DOMINIC

FRIDAY, THE 14TH DECEMBER 2007 / 23RD AGRAHAYANA 1929

WP(C).No. 36961 of 2007(A)

PETITIONERS:
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1. **ANJANA KRISHNAN U., STD.X**
   D/O.UNNIKRISHNAN NAIR, KAMALALAYAM,
   THAZHAVA VILLAGE, THAZHAVA P.O.,
   KARUNAGAPPALLY.

2. **NEETHU S., STD.X,**
   D/O.GOPALAKRISHNA PILLAI,
   SREEKRISHNA BHAVANAM, THAZHAVA VILLAGE,
   THAZHAVA P.O., KARUNAGAPPALLY.

3. **PARVATHY CHANDRAN, STD.X.**
   D/O.JAYACHANDRAN C., THOPPIL,
   S.V.MARKET P.O., KOZHIKKODE VILLAGE,
   KARUNAGAPPALLY.

4. **NAJUMA.R. STD.IX, D/O.E.ISMAIL,**
   VALETH, PAVUMBA VILLAGE, SRP MARKET P.O.
   KARUNAGAPPALLY.

5. **MIDHUJA M.J., STD.X,**
   D/O.K.MURALEEDHARAN PILLAI, ANJALI,
   KULASEKHARAPURAM VILLAGE, VAVVAKKAVU P.O.,
   KARUNAGAPPALLY.

6. **ANJU.S., STD.X, D/O.OMANAKUTTAN PILLAI,**
   AKHILESH BHAVANAM, PAVUMBA VILLAGE,
   PAVUMBA P.O., KARUNAGAPPALLY.

7. **FATHIMA ASHARAF, STD.IX, D/O.ASHARAF.A,**
   HASHIM MANZIL, THAZHAVA VILLAGE,
   MANAPPALLY P.O., KARUNAGAPPALLY.

8. **REHANA NAZAR, STD.IX,**
   D/O.NAZARUDEEN A.L., ELAMBADATH,
   THODIYOOR VILLAGE, THAZHAVA P.O.
   KARUNAGAPPALLY.

9. SOOFIYA YOOSUF, STD.IX, D/O.YOOSUF,
PERUVELIL, THODIYOOR VILLAGE,
THAZHAVA P.O., KARUNAGAPPALLY.

10. JIHANA JALAL, STD.IX, D/O.JALAL E.,
EARICKAL, PAVUMBA VILLAGE,
MANAPPALLY P.O., KARUNAGAPPALLY.

11. C.RAJENDRAN, S/O.CHITHAMBARAN V.K.,
AGED 42 YEARS, PRESENTLY WORKING AS TEACHER IN
AVGBHS, THAZHAVA AND TEAM MANAGER, FOR YOUTH
FESTIVAL COMPETITIONS, RESIDING AT CHITHRAREDHAM,
OACHIRA VILLAGE, OACHIRA P.O., KOLLAM.

BY ADV. SRI.P.V.VENUGOPAL

RESPONDENTS:
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1. DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION,
APPEAL COMMITTEE CONVENER,
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,
OFFICE OF THE DD, KOLLAM.

2. DISTRICT EDUCATION OFFICER,
OFFICE OF THE DEO,
KOLLAM.

BY GOVERNMENT PLEADER SRI.I.V.PRAMOD

THIS WRIT PETITION (CIVIL) HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 14/12/2007, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

ANTONY DOMINIC, J.
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W.P.(C) NO. 36961 OF 2007 A
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Dated this the 14th day of December, 2007

J U D G M E N T

The petitioners had participated in the item Oppana in the Kollam District School Youth Festival held at Karunagappally. It is stated that while they were performing, one of the participants of the item had suffered an electric shock and that affected the performance of the team as a whole. Resultantly, inspite of their much superior performance in the past, petitioners were given only A grade and third prize. It is stated that those only securing A grade with first prize can participate in the State Meet.

2. In view of the fact that the aforesaid mishap had affected their performance and also ranking, petitioners filed an appeal before the Appellate Committee, of which the 1st respondent is the Chairman. Petitioners submit that appeal is still pending and at the same time, the State Level Meet is fast approaching. In view of this, this writ petition has been filed praying for permitting the petitioners to participate in the State

Level Youth Festival Competition, which is scheduled to commence fromthe first week of January, 2008.

3. Taking into account the fact that the petitioners have already filed an appeal before the 1st respondent, and as the appeal is one provided for in the bylaws governing the conduct of the Youth Festival itself, the Appellate Committee is required to dispose of the appeal as expeditiously as possible. In this case, it is the specific complaint of the petitioners that the Regulations require them to dispose of the appeal within two days and that the appeal has not been disposed of even as on date.

In these circumstances, I dispose of this writ petition itself directing the 1st respondent to consider the appeal filed by the petitioners in regard to Oppana item in which they had participated in the Kollam District Youth Festival. The Appellate Committee shall decide, which team should participate in the State Level Meet in the Oppana item. The decision shall be taken with notice to the petitioners, at any rate within one week of production of a copy of this judgment.

ANTONY DOMINIC, JUDGE.

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